(a) and (b) During the recent field visits, it was observed that in some areas of Bihar and Orissa foodgrains were being sold at higher price, than the price fixed by the Central Government. The concerned State Governments are being advised to take corrective action.

Distribution of surplus land in Orissa

2490. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the surplus land distributed in the different States, State-wise during the last three years;

(b) the land available for distribution in the country and the land which could not be distributed because of pending litigation and otherwise;

(c) the land available in Orissa for distribution and how many acres have been already distributed in the last three years;

(d) the land which could not be distributed because of pending litigations and otherwise in Orissa; and

(e) the number of cases pending in different courts under the Orissa Land Reform Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Statewise statement showing ceiling surplus land distributed during the last three years is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Land available for distribution . . . . . 351,171 acres

Land which could not be distributed because of litigation and otherwise as detailed below . . . 27,66,922 acres

(i) Due to litigation . 14,53,271 acres

(ii) Reserved/transferred for public purposes and being unfit for cultivation or which cannot be allotted due to miscellaneous reasons . . 13,13,651 acres

(c) Net area of Land available for distribution in Orissa, 1988 acress Land distributed in the last three years:

1983-84 . . .	10,857 acres
1984-85 . . .	9,595 acres
1985-86 . . .	8,646 acres

(d) 28,084 acres.

(e) Information is not readily available with the State Government.

Statement

(*In acres*)

Name of the State/UT	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Andhra Pradesh	13,077	22,169	16,469
Assam	20,327	11,200	2,196
Bihar	22,678	20,351	17,194
Gujarat	29,016	12,943	12,579
Haryana	2,313	2,910	1,368
Karnataka	6,322	6,671	956
Kerala	2,183	3,591	1,248
Madhya Pradesh	5,388	2,022	2,451
Maharashtra	7,382	13,210	12,982
Manipur	271	345	251
Orissa	10,857	9,595	8,646
Punjab	2,690	997	1,715
Rajasthan	24,608	24,086	10,505
Tamil Nadu	11,412	5,067	3,077
Tripura	90	112	7
Uttar Pradesh	6,910	5,003	3,635
West Bengal	24,888	17,764	13,652
D & N Haveli	318	165	246
Delhi	143	13	42
Pondicherry	103	16	26
TOTAL	1,90,976	1,58,230	1,09,245